(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) Dankuni Coal Complex (DCC) has submitted a proposal to South Eastern Coalfields Limited for increasing the gas production capacity at a proposed capital investment of Rs. 14.36 crores.

Penalties for using forest land in Chhattisgarh

1644. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a subsidiary of Coal India Limited has been asked by the Apex Court to pay penalties for continuing its operations in Chhattisgarh and using forest land there;

(b) if so, the details of the penalties levied on the subsidiary company;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the total penalty has been paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The final judgement of the Hon'ble Court in the matter is yet to come.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) A sum of Rs. 300 crores has been deposited by South Eastern Coalfields Limited to Central Empowered Committee, New Delhi as per directions of Supreme Court's order dated 8.9.2006 for continuing the mining operation. The final verdict of the Hon'ble Court is yet to come in the matter.

Policy on private sector ownership of coal mines

1645. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government on private sector ownership of coal mines; and